

Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends original claims 5, 11, 13 and 16 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent in order to reduce the official fees. The Applicants may elect to amend claims 5, 11, 13 and 16 to make them again multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above identified U.S. application. Original claims 2 and 7-9 have also been amended for clarification. Original claims 19-20, 22-23, 25 and 27-64 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. These amendments in no way limit or narrow the scopes of those claims.

Amendment of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Popa", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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